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Why Seth is Real

The short story Shadows, by Richard Peck explains how a ghost is a real boy. However, a young girl is not sure if he is a ghost or a real boy.

As a start, I would say Seth is a real boy. Pg. 6 states that he doesn’t know the alphabet. If he was a ghost, would he already know? *“Seth” I said, “do you know your letters? The alphabet?” He and the room thought about that for a long moment. “Teach me”” (*7). That is just one reason though.

In addition, Seth grows like a real boy. Pg. 7 indicates that he grows like a real boy. Ghosts don’t grow. *“I saw Seth’s hands resting on his knees. His hands where wider, knees bigger ”* (7).

Furthermore, Seth starts to smoke. Pg. 7 indicates that Seth started to smoke at the age most boys did. *“The ghost, Seth, had come to the age when boys sneaked smokes”* (7).If he was a ghost, how would he be able to use a cigarette? This also caused the girl to get a licking from her “aunt.”

As a result, Seth is a real boy. There are still more reasons to why he is real though.